Bill No. 79-72

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Charter of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, by repealing and re-enacting, with amendments, Section 601 thereof, Article VI, "County Board of Appeals," to establish a minimum time period for membership in a political party as a requirement for certain appointments to the Board of Appeals; AND TO SUBMIT SAID AMENDMENT TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FOR THEIR ADOPTION OR REJECTION.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND, That Section 601, Article VI, "County Board of Appeals," of the Charter of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

601. COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS; APPCINTMENT; TERM; COMPENSATION

There shall be a County Board of Appeals consisting of five qualified voters of the County appointed by the County Council by a resolution adopted within thirty days after the Council takes office. Appointments shall be for a term coterminous with that of the Council or until their successors shall qualify. Vacancies shall be filled for unexpired term in the manner specified for Vacancies shall be filled for the original appointment. All members of the Board shall be residents of Anne Arundel County and appointments shall be made so that not more than three members of the Board shall be members of the same political party, AND NEITHER OF THE REMAINING TWO SHALL HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF THAT POLITICAL PARTY FOR MONTHS PRIOR TO THEIR APPOINTMENT. Three members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. The members of the Board shall be paid at the rate of Twelve Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00) per year, unless such compensation be changed as provided in Section 605 of this Article.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other application, and to this